GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CROP STRATEGY FOR STATES HIT BY DELAYED MONSOON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any alternate crop strategy has been mapped out for States affected badly due to delayed monsoon:

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government also propose to augment the farmers` income through other methods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): State Governments have been advised to prepare contingency plans, during the year of delayed monsoon, to chalk out suitable alternative crop strategies. Accordingly States have developed there own alternative location specific strategies for cropping under such aberrant situation.

(c)&(d): In the price policy for kharif and rabi crops of 2002-03, special drought relief has been provided keeping in view drought in the country. A statement showing minimum support price and special drought relief announced by the Government, is enclosed.

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (according to Crop Year) (Rs. per quintal)

No	Commodity	Variety	98-1999	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Special (#) drought relief in price	increase over 2001-02 MSP 2002-03
1.	PADDY	COMMN	Grade`A`	440	490	510	530	530	20	-
				470	520	540	560	560	20	-
2.	JOWAR			390	415	445	485	485	5	-
3.	BAJRA			390	415	445	485	485	10	-
4.	MAIZE			390	415	445	485	485	5	-
5.	RAGI			390	415	445	485	485	5	-
6.	WHEAT			550	580	610	620	620	10	-
7	BARLEY			385	430	500	500	500	5	-
8.	GRAM			895	1015	1100	1200	1220	5	20(1.7)
9.	ARHAR(Tur)			960	1105	1200	1320	1320	5	-
10.	MOONG			960	1105	1200	1320	1330	5	10(0.8)
11.	URAD			960	1105	1200	1320	1330	5	10(0.8)
12.	MASUR (LENTIL)			-	-	1200	1300	1320	5	20(1.5)
13.	SUGAR CANE @			52.70	56.10	59.50	62.05	69.50	7.45(12.0)	
14.	COTTON	F-414/H-777/J34	H4	1440	1575	1625	1675	1675	20	-
				1650	1775	1825	1875	1875	20	-
15.	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL			1040	1155	1220	1340	1355	20	15(1.1)

16. JUTE 650 750 785 810 850 40(4.9)
17. RAPESEED/MUSTARD 1000 1100 1200 1300 1330 10 30(2.3)
18. SUNFLOWER SEED 1060 1155 1170 1185 1195 15 10(0.8)
19. SOYABEEN
BLACK 705 755 775 795 795 10 -
YELLOW 795 845 865 885 885 10 -
20. SAFFLOWER 990 1100 1200 1300 1300 5 -
21. TORIA 965 1065 1165 1265
22. TOBACCO (VFC)
(RS.Per Kg.)-
Black Soil (F2Gr) 22.50 25.00 26.00 27.00 28.00 1(3.7)
Light Soil (L2Gr.) 25.50 27.00 28.00 29.00 30.00 1(3.4)
23. COPRA Milling 2900 3100 3250 3300 3300 -
(Calender Year) Ball 3125 3325 3500 3550 3550 -
24. SESAMUM 1060 1205 1300 1400 1450 5 50(3.6)
25. NIGERSEED 850 915 1025 1100 1120 20(1.8)

@ statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 percent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 percent increase in recovery above that level

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase